

In re Application of: : PATENT APPLICATION

Paul Hanke, et al. : POLYNUCLEOTIDE ENCODING

A FEEDBACK RESISTANT ASPARTOKINASE FROM CORYNEBACTERIUM

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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the withdrawal from issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/722,441 after payment of the issue fee was made on February 2, 2004, and file herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

A telephone interview with Examiner Kathleen Kerr on November 19, 2004 confirmed that the obvious errors in the as-allowed claims require correction of sequence identification numbers and such corrections are not appropriate for a post-issuance Certificate of Correction. Applicants hereby petition for withdrawal from issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) for consideration of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment to correct obvious errors in

the as-allowed claims that would be inappropriate for a post-issuance Certificate of Correction.

By this Petition, Applicants respectfully request Withdrawal from Issue of their U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/722,441 and file herewith a Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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